



**SUNDAY 29th AUGUST
ALL TOGETHER SERVICE
WITH THE BAPTISM OF ALFIE FEW**

WELCOME

In my head, in my heart and all around me
Jesus is here.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SONG 10,000 Reasons

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
 Worship His holy name
 Sing like never before O my soul
 I'll worship Your holy name

1 The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
 It's time to sing Your song again
 Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
 Let me be singing when the evening comes

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

2 You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Chorus Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

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WE SAY SORRY

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

SONG Refiner's Fire

- 1 Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart
Let me be as gold
Pure gold
- Chorus Refiner's fire
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will
- 2 Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within

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WE ARE FORGIVEN

WE SAY THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

**Almighty God,
you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

READING Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

7 The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”

⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

“These people honour me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷ They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’

⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions.”

¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.”

²¹ For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²² adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

TALK

THE BAPTISM

THE PRESENTATION

The president addresses the congregation.

We thank God for Alfie
who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.
So I ask you all:

Will you support Alfie as he begins his journey of faith?
We will.

Will you help him to live and grow within God's family?
We will.

The president then addresses the parents and godparents

God knows each of us by name and we are his.
Parents and godparents, you speak for Alfie today.
Will you pray for him,
and help him to follow Christ?
We will.

THE DECISION

We all wander far from God and lose our way:
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.
Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?
I do.

Do you reject evil?
I do.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I do.

Do you trust in him as Lord?

I do.

The president makes the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead,

Do not be ashamed of Christ.

You are his forever.

**Stand bravely with him
against all the powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you
from the powers of darkness,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
On him you poured your Spirit
at his baptism in the River Jordan.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.
And so, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
filled with your Spirit
and know themselves loved as your children,
safe in Christ forever. **Amen.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us affirm, together with Alfie's parents and Godparents, our
common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who
gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

THE BAPTISM

The president pours water on the candidates, saying

I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

THE WELCOME

As fellow children of God we welcome Alfie as a brother.

**Welcome, welcome, welcome,
welcome to the household of God where
we will read with you, sing with you, pray with you,
break bread with you,
and walk beside you in your travels.
May you know Christ's hand in your hand
and keeping of the Spirit until your seeking is over
and God comes to find you. Amen.**

SONG Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest friend
But wholly trust in Jesus name

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh, may I then in Him be found (Oh, yeah)
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Christ alone
Cornerstone
Weak made strong
In the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

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PRAYERS

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

NOTICES

SONG Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
 o'er the world's tempestuous sea ;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
 for we have no help but thee ;
yet possessing every blessing,
 if our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us :
 all our weakness thou dost know ;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
 thou didst feel its keenest woe ;
lone and dreary, faint and weary,
 through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,
 fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
 pleasure that can never cloy :
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
 nothing can our peace destroy.

James Edmeston (1791–1867)

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

The president gives to the baptised a lighted candle lit from the Paschal (Easter) candle.

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.**

WE SHARE THE PEACE

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

**There will be a short service of Holy Communion immediately following this service for those who would like to stay.
There will also be coffee following the service.**

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